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\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*

**Minority Business Owners Roundtable Commemorates Black Business Month  
with a Black Business Networking Reception**

**WHAT:** The City of Chattanooga's Department of Equity and Community Engagement is hosting a special edition of their monthly Minority Business Owners Roundtable in honor of Black Business Month, which is observed each year in August to acknowledge and support Black-owned businesses across the country.

This month's roundtable will include a special reception for local Black business owners and entrepreneurs to build relationships while networking in a sophisticated and relaxed environment. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and creative mocktails while listening to spoken word and musical offerings from DJ KStylz and the creative collective Black Fridays.

This event is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Food and beverages will be provided while supplies last. Attendees can register at [cha.city/startup-scaleup](https://cha.city/startup-scaleup). Masks are suggested and will be distributed at check in while supplies last.

**WHEN:** Monday, August 22, 2022, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. ET (doors open at 5:45 pm)

**WHERE:** The Bessie Smith Cultural Center, 200 E. M.L. King Blvd.

**WHO:** The following organizations, local businesses, and individuals will be in attendance:

- Chattanooga Department of Equity and Community Engagement
- Chef Cornelius Lathan, The Bistro
- Chef Terence Locke, The Express Bar
- River City Company
- Black Fridays
- Bright Bridge Financial
- LAUNCH Chattanooga
- TN Small Business Development Center
- DJ Kstylz
- Karen Collins, Director of Supplier Diversity, City of Chattanooga
- DeJuan S. Jordan, Life & Business Coach & Consultant